

**METHOD, APPARATUS AND PROGRAM STORAGE
DEVICE FOR DETERMINING SECTOR BLOCK SIZES
USING EXISTING CONTROLLER SIGNALS**

ABSTRACT

- 5 A method and apparatus for determining sector block sizes using existing controller signals has been disclosed. The invention detects a characteristic of a data channel gate signal indicating a length of data, determines the length of data based on the detection of the characteristic, and calculates the size of a last data block in the length of data based on the determined length.